

US Fish & Wildlife  
2008 – 2009 Sutter NWR Hunt Area  
**Habitat Description and Safety Hazards**  
When Completely Flooded

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(see flood up map for current conditions; conditions will fluctuate depending on weather i.e. rain storms)

**Inside Sutter Bypass**

- Tract 9** Tract has moderate cover with twelve islands; pay close attention to closed zone boundaries on the northern end. Spot discing in most ponds, and near complete discing in T9.4 and T9.7.
- Tract 10** Shallow area with mostly low vegetation. Two islands in tract.
- Tract 11** Mostly open water in north pond and mixed tules/open water in south pond.
- Tract 12** T12.1 - T12.3 smartweed and watergrass with numerous tule clumps interspersed. Good cover with heavy vegetation.
- T12.4 deep (up to 3') with excavations that are not visibly apparent; wade cautiously!; good islands/tule clumps. Water held up into July (i.e. brood pond) thus poor food production.
- Tract 13** Dry with heavy cover; pheasant hunting potential
- Tract 14** T14.1 moderate cover smartweed/river bulrush/tules, fair number of small to medium openings.  
T14.2 mostly open water; small scattered tule clumps.
- Tract 15** Open and deeper in south third; heavy tule on west half; less tall cover on east half; several islands in tract. Crowding of hunters is commonly reported in this unit.
- Tract 16** Same as Tract 15

**Tract 17** Heavy cover with multiple islands; open and deeper in south third. Mobility impaired boat access channel from southeast corner angling to middle upper ½ of unit, (2' deep).

\*Use foot bridges or road crossings to cross ditches.

### **Outside Sutter Bypass**

**Tract 18** Pheasant hunting only; heavy upland cover with deep-water channel running east to west about two-thirds of the way north; can get around on west side or wade carefully; closed zone signs on north end, approximately 50 yards into tract. Wetland channel was disced this year.